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Tampa and The Panama Canal Celebration.

In 1906 the United States Congress passed resolutions endorsing Tampa, Florida, as the most suitable place for holding a celebration commemorating the beginning of work on the Panama Canal. The chief reason for this selection was Tampa's nearness to the canal, it being nearer to Colon than any other gulf port having adequate railroad terminals.

The original purpose was to hold the celebration in the winter of 1907-8, but business conditions throughout the country made its postponement necessary. Some months ago extensive preparations began to be made to hold the great celebration from Feb. 12 to 26. Governor Gilchrist invited the governors of all the States and Territories to be present; invitations and tickets were sent all over this State and many other States; the city put on her most gorgeous apparel to be in readiness for her guests and for weeks the cry of thousands has been "On to Tampa!" The city is crowded as never before; hotels and boarding houses are overflowing and hundreds are turned away each day. Brilliant events of every description have been planned. Hundreds and hundreds of soldiers are camped just outside the city and each morning they are open to visitors. Several warships are in the harbor and they are open to inspection at some time each day.

More than 30 conventions of various kinds have been and will be held during the celebration. Military bands are heard on all occasions; automobiles and carriages are decorated with flags and pennants; business houses are draped in patriotic colors; airplanes make daily flights and even the most sedate and pessimistic are constrained to join in the merry-making.

An event of unusual interest at the beginning of the celebration was the visit of the British Ambassador, Hon. James Bryce. He was met by companies of soldiers and escorted to the Tampa Bay Hotel, Tampa's pride, where he was lavishly entertained during his stay in the city. A beautiful reception was given to him and Mrs. Bryce at this famous hostelry. The U. S. flags which decorated the magnificent rooms and the costumes of the army and navy officers made an attractive setting for this brilliant event. The U. S. military band furnished the music and altogether, it was an occasion long to be remembered by those fortunate enough to be present.

The Ambassador made an address at the court-house, in which he thanked the people of Tampa most sincerely for the cordial welcome given him and assured them that both he and Mrs. Bryce felt that "it was good to have been there."

A feature of last week was the Hookworm Conference. Dr. Stiles, the greatest expert in America on the hookworm disease and who is chief of the Department of Zoology of the U. S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, and who also is a member of the Rockefeller commission for the alleviation of the hookworm, addressed the crowd in a most interesting way. We are thankful to say this disease has not invaded our city.

For those religiously inclined a treat was in store in the way of a Bible students' convention, the principal speaker of the occasion being the noted Chas. T. Russell, of Brooklyn.

The parade of Feb. 22 was the most beautiful spectacle yet presented during the festivities. About 100 floats were in line, the beauty of which cannot be described. Uncle Sam's infantry, cavalry, artillery and marine companies, accompanied by machine guns, proved an attractive feature. The many foreign societies were arrayed in national costumes. Scores of automobiles, richly decorated and representing many cities of the State, occupied an important place in the pageant. Governor Gilchrist added his presence to the parade. Six magnificent bands furnished patriotic music; but space will not permit further description. We wished very much that our Kentucky people might be here to participate in this National affair.

The citizens of this burg delight in calling it "Tropical Tampa." The city lies above the waters of the bay from 10 to 60 feet, a natural growth superbly jeweled by the hand of nature. It possesses an ideal climate and is a veritable garden, where trees are ever green and flowers are in perpetual bloom. There is much to interest a tourist here. First, comes "Little Havana" (Ybor City), a subject of Tampa, where 20,000 Cubans and Spaniards live. They have their own quaint casinos, coffee shops and clubs. A Spanish dinner at one of these world-famed restaurants is something long to be remembered. At the present time there are nearly 200 cigar factories here, making nearly 1,000,000 clear Havana cigars each working day, or a total of 300,000,000 cigars a year. A visit to one of these factories, seeing the cleanliness of the

place, watching from 100 to 1,000 cigar "rollers" at work, listening to the "reader," perched on a balcony, reading them the latest news or the latest novel, is indeed a curiosity.

Tampa possesses one hotel, built especially for tourists. The hotel cost \$3,000,000. It is a magnificent structure, built of brick on a steel framework. The architect took his theme from the Moors, who built the Alhambra, and it seems that the landscape gardener robbed the tropics for its setting.

The inhabitants of Tampa now number 60,000 and if its rapid growth continues, a few more years will run the number into the hundreds of thousands. Business, in all departments, is flourishing. The orange groves, just outside the city, present a beautiful appearance at this season; the truck farms are one mass of green and if we could have our Kentucky relatives and friends with us we would doubtless say with some Florida poet,

"Where the waves from gulf or ocean Break and sing their monotone, Surging over reefs of coral, In the semi-tropic zone.

There dost thou fair land of flowers, Rest alone in massive strength, And with robe of brilliant verdure Deck thy grand majestic length. Why should not brave Ponce DeLeon Think the Indian legend truth, That from out thy flowery bosom Gushed the Fount of Endless Youth? May home-seekers who are streaming Through thy bright, enchanted gates, Be thy true and loyal subjects, Empress of the Southern States! Florida, Fair Florida!"

FLONNIE H. MCKECHNIE.

NEWS NOTES.

Henry S. Redmond, millionaire clubman of New York, died at Miami, Fla. William Price has been appointed postmaster at Shopville, in Pulaski county.

Wyatt Combest, brother-in-law of Sheriff Jasper, shot and killed Ed Kidd at Faubush, in the western part of Pulaski county.

Thomas W. Bullitt, of Louisville, was stricken with paralysis while in a street car in Baltimore and is now in a hospital there in a serious condition.

Beginning to-day, the Seaboard Air Line will put into effect a general advance in pay of two and one-half cents an hour for all skilled laborers over the entire system.

Judge B. L. D. Guffy, for many years prominent in Kentucky politics, and at one time Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, died at his home in Morganfield Sunday, aged 77.

The body of Edward Denton, a special revenue officer, was found in a thicket by the roadside near Lincoln, Lincoln county, Tenn. He had been shot, supposedly from ambush.

An attempt was made to bribe Prosecutor Garven, of Hudson county, N. J., to drop the prosecution of the meat packers, according to a statement made by an official of Mr. Garven's office in Jersey City.

The widow of Gen. Flagler was instantly killed; Mrs. G. F. Nye was fatally injured and her daughter, Miss Nye, was seriously hurt when a New York Central express train ran into their automobile near Niagara Falls.

Flood warnings to lower Ohio river boatmen, and bayou farmers were issued by the weather forecaster at Evansville, who says that the river will probably reach a stage exceeding that of January within the next week.

At a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, Forestry and Immigration at Frankfort it was agreed to let J. W. Newman remain as secretary of the State Fair until the courts decide who are the legally elected members of the board.

Judge Fryer, granted Robert Barr, Jr., under indictment in the Nicholas circuit court on the charge of complicity in the killing of Hiram Hedges, bail and fixed it at \$10,000, which he executed immediately. A great crowd was present at the hearing.

J. Edward Curry, who recently retired from partnership in the wholesale grocery firm of Curry, Tunis & Norwood, Lexington, organized a stock company which purchased the establishment and good will of the wholesale grocery of J. H. Flood & Co.

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HELM'S STRONG SPEECH.

Vigorously Opposes Pending Bill on Ocean Mail Subsidy.

Our Diplomacy Faulty.

Kentuckian Declares Ship Subsidies Will Not Bring Desired Results.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—Vigorously opposing mail steamship subsidies, Representative Helm, of Kentucky, in a speech in the House today, declared that the United States government was being converted into a gigantic pawnbroker's shop for the purpose of extending trade. He insisted that subsidies had not built up the maritime interests of the United States.

"I do not subscribe to that course or policy that would convert this government into a gigantic pawnbroker's shop in order to acquire trade," declared Mr. Helm. "I do not think we are materially improving our trade relations with Central and South America by attempting to put men selected at Washington in control of the governments of certain of these countries. In my opinion it will require something more than subsidy to overcome the adverse feeling engendered by our present policy in that zone of the Western Hemisphere which should be our best market."

"I am apprehensive that the good effects of former Secretary Root's visit to the Central and South American republics, looking to closer and more cordial relationships with these governments, has been largely discounted by our more recent domineering policy there. I fear some blunders and mistakes have been made. That quarter of the globe is on the eve of great development, from which we are in position to reap some of the benefits, and I surely believe that the Root policy will yield us better returns than the coercive policy."

Tariff laws. Mr. Helm declared, had made the United States a dear market. "It is as unreasonable," he added, "for us to expect the foreigner to purchase in a protected market, where the seller insists on his profits that arise by operation of law, as it is to expect the individual to do his shopping at the highest priced store in any given locality."

"The report of the Commissioner of Navigation shows that we have three subsidized lines on the Caribbean route, and the full, complete and final answer to all arguments in support of subsidy as a trade producer, is that notwithstanding these subsidized lines, our trade in that sphere has decreased instead of increased."

Mr. Helm concluded his remarks by declaring his opposition to subsidy of any kind.

The applause that greeted Mr. Helm when he first arose evidenced the high esteem in which he is already held among the older members. The interest and applause accorded him throughout was evidence of the worth of his speech, which was about an hour in length. Mr. Helm has seldom talked, except to answer roll calls (he claims to have answered more than any other member who has been there less than three years) but when he does talk, he evidently studies and prepares what he has to say. This was even more evident in his speech of last Thursday than it was in his speech on the tariff at the extra session. His position on the Insular Affairs Committee has given him an opportunity to study the mail subsidy grab in all of its phases, and he has improved said opportunities.

Mr. Helm arrived home Saturday to attend the meeting of the district Congressional committee at Nicholasville on Thursday. He says he has confidence in the wisdom of the committee and is only asking them to give him a primary in which all of the democratic voters can have a say, and which will be fair to as many or as few as want to run against him for the nomination.

MATRIMONIAL.

C. O. Bryson, who used to visit a mighty handsome woman here, was married in Cynthia last week to Miss Caroline B. Ross. He is a postal clerk on the Cincinnati-Knoxville division.

Mr. R. G. Hampton and Miss Minnie Sine, of Stanford, drove over here on Wednesday night and were married at midnight by the Rev. C. C. Brawn at his residence. The couple spent the night at the Kengarian and drove back home Thursday morning. They experienced some little trouble in obtaining marriage license, but finally a message was sent to see Deputy Clerk Wherritt, who at once gave the happy couple their license and sent them on their way rejoicing.—Lancaster Record.

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Lincoln Circuit Court.

Pearl C. Freeman, Plaintiff, vs. J. R. Freeman, defendant.

This case coming on for trial and being submitted on the petitioner's depositions, reports of the corresponding attorney on file, and the other exhibits, to the court for opinion and judgment, and the court being now sufficiently advised, is of the opinion that the plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought in her petition, it is now ordered and adjudged by the court that the plaintiff be and hereby is divorced from the defendant, J. R. Freeman, and restored to all the rights, privileges and amenities of an unmarried woman; and, it appearing from the proof, that the plaintiff is more competent to bring up the little baby girl, Margarette Freeman, morally, and possessed of ample financial means to give the bright little girl a good education, and it appearing that the plaintiff's deportment and her own moral conduct during her lonely abandonment have been like the stainless snow upon Mount Sinai and as pure as the frozen gems that glitter upon its icy surface; the court with much pleasure allows the plaintiff, Pearl C. Freeman, to retain the care, custody and continuous possession of the priceless little treasure, Margarette, and that the defendant pay the cost of this action, and that the plaintiff also recover of the defendant the attorney's fee of \$15 she has paid herein, for which plaintiff may have execution, and the other costs herein expended, and that this action be now stricken from this court's docket. A true copy.

J. D. SWEET, C. L. C. C. FONTAINE FOX BOBBITT, ATT'Y.

The Lash of A Fiend.

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Heavy rains have been falling throughout the Ohio valley for the past 24 hours, and with melting of the snow added flood stages are predicted in the Ohio river during the week.

In an opinion delivered by Justice Shields the Supreme Court of Tennessee upheld the constitutionality of the general election law of the last General Assembly.

Sanford Talbott, the oldest man in Bourbon county, is dead at 96 years.

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